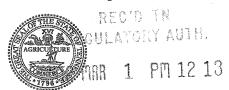
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Re:

Show Cause Proceeding Against TALK.COM d/b/a TALK AMERICA, INC

Docket No. 01-00216

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed is an original and thirteen copies of the Attorney General's Response to Joint Motion For Abeyance in the above-referenced matter. Copies are being furnished to counsel of record for interested parties.

Sincerely,

Inothy C. Phillips

Assistant Attorney General

cc: Counsel of Record

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IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:) DOCKET NO. 01-00216
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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RESPONSE TO JOINT MOTION FOR ABEYANCE

Comes Paul G. Summers, the Attorney General & Reporter, through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of Attorney General of the State of Tennessee (hereinafter "Attorney General") and hereby responds to the Joint Motion To Hold Procedural Schedule In Abeyance filed by the Consumer Services Division of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("CSD") and Respondent, Talk.com, Inc.

The Attorney General does not object to the request that this matter be held in abeyance pending the outcome of submissions for approval of any settlement proposals of the parties in this matter. The Attorney General wishes to reserve his right to object to or join into any such settlement proposals when properly presented to the hearing officer assigned to this matter and/or the Directors of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via facsimile or hand delivery on March 1, 2002.

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